THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Some States including Bihar, Kerala, Punjab, U.P. and Assam have not been paying Rural Electrification subsidies to their respectively Electricity Boards to offset the losses on account of supply of power to the agricultural sector at uneconomical tariff. Certain other States such as Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal have been paying only part of the RE subsidy due to the Electricity Boards. According to available information, as on 31st March, 1992, the total amount of RE subsidy due to 14 State Electricity Boards is of the order of Rs. 9092.31 crores.

(c) The Conference of Power Ministers' held on 8th & 9th January, 1993, has adopted an Action Plan which, inter alia, provides that the State Governments must pay the current dues on account of RE subsidy to the SEBs on time, and also liquidate the arrears in a phased manner, towards the end of the current Five Year Plan.

1712. [*Transferred to 19th March*, 1993]

Power Grid Corporation schemes for the Northern Region

1713. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Power Grid Corporation of India which is entrusted with the task of ensuring power supply according to the requirements has drawn up many Schemes for implementation in the Northern Region;

(b) if so, what are the details of the Schemes and what are the stages of their implementation; and

(c) what are the reasons for the reluctance shown by the State Governments to cooperate with this Corporation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) The Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) has been entrusted with the responsibility of development of Regional Grids leading to establishment of a National Power Grid for optimal utilisation of the available resources.

The details of the major schemes drawn up by POWERGRID for Northern Region during Eighth Plan period alongwith their implementation status is given in the attached Statement. [*See* below]

(c) No reluctance has been faced by POWERGRID from the State Governments in the Northern Region.

Statement

Power Grid Corporation Schemes for the Northern region.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project in Northern Region	Commissioning Schedule	Remarks
1.	Chamera-I Transmission System	06/93	In advance stage of completion.
2.	Salal-II Transmission System	93/94	Under construction.
3.	Uri Transmission System	97/98	Construction started.
4.	Kishenpur-Moga 800 KV Transmission Line .	97/98	Referred to CCEA.
5.	Dulhasti Transmission System (Contingency Scheme)	12/95	Work commenced.
6.	Nathpa Jhakri Associated Transmission System	97/98	Implementation commenced.
7.	Chamera-II Transmission System . . . (Chamera I-Kishenpur. 400 KV line)	95/96	Referred to CCEA
8.	RAPP Transmission System . . . . (3 & 4) (RAPP-B)	96/97	Referred to CEA.
9.	Unchahar-II Transmission System . . .	97/98	—do—
10.	Unified Load Dispatch & Communication System for Northen Region	5 year from approval	—do—
11.	Rihand-II Transmission System	97/98	Techno-economically cleared by CEA.